FORT LAUDERDALECITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 20, 2012

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COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING 11:44 A.M. MARCH 20, 2012

Present: Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

Vice Mayor Bobby B. DuBose Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom. Commissioner Romney Rogers

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman

City Auditor John Herbst
City Attorney Harry A. Stewart
City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph

Mayor Seiler acknowledged former honorees and former elected officials for their service to the City. He recognized members of the Citizens Committee of Recognition and other officials in the audience. He provided a brief history of the citizen recognition program.

<u>2012 Exemplary Former City Employee – Earnest Jones</u>

Commissioner Roberts fondly recalled Mr. Jones'collaboration with the City's Police Department in order to plan for City events.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Roberts recognized Earnest Jones as the 2012 Exemplary Former City Employee. He read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Jones' background and accomplishments, and his contributions to the City.

Mr. Jones thanked his family, friends, and the Commission. He noted the City's Parks and Recreation Department's focus on quality of life. He felt blessed to have served as a City employee.

Mayor Seiler recognized members of the audience who served in the military.

2012Citizen of the Year – Richard Mancuso

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Rogers recognized the late Richard Mancuso as the 2012Citizen of the Year. He read the associated resolution outlining Mr. Mancuso's background and accomplishments, and his contributions to the City.

On behalf of Mr. Mancuso, his wife, Ann Marie Mancuso, thanked the Commission, the Citizens Committee of Recognition, and family and friends. She noted that Mr. Mancuso deserved this award because of his service to the City.

Vice Mayor DuBose remarked on Mr. Mancuso's love for his wife and passion for serving the City.

<u>2012Honored Founder – Dr. Calvin H. Shirley</u>

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

On behalf of the Commission, Vice Mayor DuBose recognized Dr. Calvin H. Shirley as the 2012Honored Founder. He read the associated resolution outlining Dr. Shirley's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

Dr. Shirley thanked the Commission and City residents.

2012 Distinguished Citizen Award – Nuccia McCormick

Mayor Seiler outlined the history of this award and explained the selection procedure.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioner Rodstrom recognized Nuccia McCormick as the 2012 Distinguished Citizen Award recipient. She read the associated resolution outlining Ms. McCormick's background and accomplishments, as well as contributions to the City.

Ms. McCormick thanked the Commission and the Citizens Committee of Recognition. She recalled moving to the City 28 years ago and becoming involved with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International organization. She expressed gratitude to former Mayors Robert Cox and Jim Naugle for their support. She was pleased the City's current Commission was re-elected to continue their work. She thought the only way to be part of a city is through support and involvement. She thanked her family and friends.

In closing, Mayor Seiler thanked those in attendance for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m. to take photos of the honorees and to view the Distinguished Citizen Plaque unveiling in the courtyard.

	John P. "Jack" Seiler Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Jonda K. Joseph City Clerk		